

Steering Committee on Arizona Appellate Case Processing Standards

March 24, 2016

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

State Courts Building

1501 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Conference Room 345B and Teleconference

Meeting Minutes – **APPROVED**

Committee Members Present: Justice Ann A. Scott Timmer (Chair), Chief Judge Michael J. Brown, Ms. Janet Johnson, Ms. Alice Jones, Ms. Ruth Willingham, and **Appearing Telephonically:** Ms. Kimberly Demarchi, Mr. David Euchner, Mr. Jeffrey Handler, and Dr. William Mangold

Administrative Office of the Courts Staff Present: Ms. Summer Dalton, Ms. Jerri Medina

Absent: Chief Judge Peter J. Eckerstrom

A. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair called the Committee meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and followed with roll call.

The draft minutes from the February 26, 2016 meeting of the Steering Committee on Arizona Appellate Case Processing Standards were presented for approval. Minutes were corrected to reflect that the increase of time for Filing to Disposition of Industrial Commission cases was for an additional 10 days, as opposed to 15 days reflected in the draft minutes.

- Motion was made by Mr. David Euchner to approve the February 26, 2016 meeting minutes of the Steering Committee on Arizona Appellate Time Standards with correction. Seconded by Ms. Alice Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Define Starting Point for Court of Appeals Filing to Disposition Measure

Justice Timmer held discussion to clarify the starting event used for the Filing to Disposition standard for the Court of Appeals. The National Standards start from the notice of actual filing whether it be in the lower court or the appellate court. The statistics provided to the Committee were from the point of filing in the Court of Appeals. After discussion, it was determined that the Committee's intent was to use the date of the notice of filing into the Court of Appeals, modifications were made to the final report to reflect this decision.

C. Review Final Report Draft

The Committee reviewed and discussed the updated final report which included the dissent and responses to the dissent. The Committee discussed the addition of the "Dissent" paragraph which was added to the report, the Committee agreed that it was appropriate to include in the final version. The Committee continued to work through all comments and edits included in the red-lined version of the final report draft with the Committee reaching a consensus on all items to produce a final report. The

Chair asked the membership to identify any additional omissions or changes they found necessary for the final report. There were none.

D. Call to Public

A call to the public went out to those present as well as any attending via the telephone. There was no response.

E. Adoption of Final Report

- Motion was made by Ms. Janet Johnson to approve the Final Report of the Steering Committee on Arizona Appellate Case Processing Standards. Seconded by Ms. Ruth Willingham. The motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Chief Judge Michael Brown to give Justice Timmer authority to make the final approval of the March 24, 2016 meeting minutes after the Committee members have had the opportunity to review a draft. Seconded by Mr. David Euchner. The motion passed unanimously.

Justice Timmer thanked the committee for their service and hard work. Justice Timmer will present the committee's findings to the Supreme Court in April and, depending on what the Supreme Court decides, it may be presented to AJC in June. The goal at this time is to have the standards in place by July 1, 2016.

F. Adjournment

- Motion was made by Ms. Janet Johnson to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Mr. David Euchner. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.